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London, Decemb. 22.

WE have Letters from *Elſenore* in *Denmark*, by a ſhip arrived from thoſe parts, dated the 5th inſtant, giving an account that the Armies in *Schonen* engaged in a Battel the day before, of the iſſue of which they had not when the ſaid Veſſel came away any certain account, though various reports were ſpread abroad concerning it.

Whitehall, Decemb. 23. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to cauſe to be publiſhed his Proclamation, *Requiring the Members of both Houſes of Parliament, to give their Attendance upon the* 15 *day of* February *next.* As likewiſe another Proclamation, *Prohibiting the Importation of Earthen Ware.* Both which follow.

A Proclamation requiring the Members of both Houſes of Parliament to give their Attendance upon the Fifteenth day of *February* next.

CHARLES R.

THE Kings Moſt Excellent Majeſty having been pleaſed to continue this preſent Parliament by Prorogation until the Fifteenth day of *February* now next coming, with a full purpoſe and reſolution that the Parliament ſhall be then holden: And being deſirous (for divers weighty Conſiderations) to have then a full Aſſembly of the Members of both Houſes of Parliament, hath (with the Advice of His Privy Council) thought fit to declare and publiſh, and doth, by this His Royal Proclamation, declare and publiſh His ſaid Reſolution. And alſo doth hereby require all and every the Peers of this Realm, and all and every the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes of the Houſe of Commons, to give their Attendance at *Weſtminſter* on the ſaid Fifteenth day of *February* next preciſely; And His Majeſty doth expect a ready Conformity to this His Royal Will and Pleaſure.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Twentieth day of *December*, in the Eight and twentieth year of Our Reign, 1676.

A Proclamation prohibiting the Importation of Earthen Ware.

CHARLES R.

WHereas by the Statute made in the Third year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Fourth, it is Enacted, That no Merchant Native born, Denizen or Stranger, nor other Perſon, ſhall bring, ſend or convey from beyond the Sea into the Realm of *England*, or Dominion of *Wales* (among other things) any Painted Wares to be Uttered and Sold within the ſaid Realm or Dominion, by way of Merchandiſe, upon pain to Forfeit the ſame, as often as they be found in the hands of any Perſon or Perſons to be Sold; The one half of the ſaid Forfeiture to go to the uſe of His Majeſty, and the other half to him that ſhall firſt Seize the ſame. And whereas Complaint hath been made to His Majeſty by ſeveral Perſons uſing the Trade of Potters in and about the City of *London*, and Suburbs thereof; That notwithſtanding the ſaid Statute, ſeveral Perſons, as well Subjects of this Kingdom, as Foreigners, have preſumed to Import, and daily do bring ſeveral great quantities of Painted Earthen Wares privately into the Port of *London*, and publickly into the Out-Ports (where there is little or no care taken to prevent it) to the inevitable Ruine of many hundred of His Majeſties poor Subjects, who get their Subſiſtance and Livelihood by the ſaid Trade, and to the great hazard of loſing the ſaid Manufacture within this Realm; the ſaid Manufacture being made to as great perfection by His Majeſties ſaid Subjects, as by any Foreigners, and that for the moſt part with Materials of Engliſh growth: His Majeſty therefore (with the Advice of His Privy Council) out of His Princely care of the Artificers of this His Kingdom (to whom He reſolves to give all good Encouragement) and for prevention of like miſchiefs for the time to come, hath thought fit by this His Royal Proclamation, particularly to take notice of the ſaid Statute, and the Penalties therein mentioned, to the end that all Perſons concerned, may not for the time to come pretend ignorance thereof: And His Majeſty doth alſo (by like Advice) by this His Royal Proclamation ſtraitly Charge and Command all Merchants, as well Natives, Denizens, as Strangers, and all other Perſons whatever, not to preſume at any time hereafter, to bring, ſend, or convey into the Kingdom of *England*, or Dominion of *Wales*, from any part beyond the Seas, any Painted Earthen Wares, be the ſame Painted with White, Blew, or any other Colours, by way of Merchandiſe, or to be Sold, Bartered or Exchanged, contrary to the ſaid Statute, upon the Pain and Penalties therein expreſſed, and ſuch others as can or may be inflicted upon the Offenders, according to the utmoſt ſeverity of Law and Juſtice. And for that end His Majeſty doth hereby ſtrictly Charge and Command all Searchers, Waiters, and other Officers of His Cuſtoms whatſoever, to uſe their utmoſt care and diligence to diſcover the Wares aboveſaid which ſhall be Imported contrary to the ſaid Statute, and to Seize the ſame, to the end ſuch proceedings may be thereupon had, as ſhall be agreeable to Law, and as they will anſwer the contrary at their utmoſt peril.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Fifteenth day of *December* 1676. in the Eight and twentieth year of Our Reign.

Cadiz, Nov. 23. The 19 inſtant arrived here the *Spaniſh* Men of War which were ſent out to meet and Convoy hither the *New-Spain* Fleet, bringing in with them a *French* Veſſel laden with Fiſh from *Newfoundland*, which they had taken. The next day arrived here the ſaid *New-Spain* Fleet, except three ſhips which put into *St Lucar*: It is reckoned that the ſaid Fleet has brought home about ſix millions of pieces of Eight, of which one million and a half is for the Kings account; the returns of the Merchants have not been ſo great this year as hath been uſual, the Trade having been very bad in the *Indies*. They had a very tedious paſſage from the *Havana*, and in their Voyage a great Merchants ſhip in their company proving very leaky, the Men, after having taken what they could out of her, ſet fire to her, and another Veſſel was taken by the *French*.

Naples, Nov. 24. The ill weather we have had here for ſeveral dayes paſt, has hindred the departure of the Veſſels with the Troops deſigned for *Sicily*, from whence we hear, that the *French* are marched towards *Catanea*, and we expect our next advices will tell us, that they have beſieged it, and the Viceroy in the place.

Ratisbonne, Decemb. 12. The States of the Kingdom of *Bohemia* are aſſembled at *Prague* and are conſulting how to ſatisfie the demand made by the Emperor of 200000 Dollars for the making Recruits againſt Spring, and of another very conſiderable Sum for the making of ſeveral new Levies, and providing of Magazines for the uſe of the Imperial Army. Great complaints are made to this Dyet by ſeveral of the Circles of the Empire, concerning the Winter-quarters impoſed upon them, and though the Dyet would fain give them ſome caſe in the matter, yet the preſent conjun-

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